

REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTATION OF ELK TO UTAH

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No elk which have ever been east of the 100-degree meridian may enter Utah.

No elk originating from the CWD endemic areas of Saskatchewan and portions of Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, and South Dakota (see map) may enter Utah.

No elk originating from a CWD affected herd, trace back or trace forward herd may enter Utah.

No elk which have not been on a CWD herd surveillance program for 5 years may enter Utah.

Proof of Ownership

Each individual animal must be identified with a tattoo or microchip before being shipped into Utah. In addition, a paper, which details each individual animal and any corresponding tattoo, microchip, ranch tag and/or USDA tag numbers must accompany shipment. This may either be a:

- Brand Inspection Certificate or
- Notarized bill of sale or bill of consignment

Genetic Purity

Written evidence of genetic purity must accompany all domestic elk imported to Utah, including one of the following:

- Test charts from an approved lab that have run either a blood genetic purity test or a DNA genetic purity test
- Registration papers from the North American Elk Breeders Association
- Herd purity certification papers issued by another state agency
- Genetic Purity Certification of donors is required for all semen, gametes, eggs or embryos imported to Utah

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection

An entry permit must be obtained prior to issuing a health certificate by calling (801) 538-7164. The permit number must be included on the health certificate.

The consignee must be licensed with the Utah Department of Agriculture & Food with the license number indicated on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

The following statement must appear on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:

"To the best of my knowledge the elk listed herein are not infected with Chronic Wasting Disease, Johne's Disease (Paratuberculosis), or Malignant Catarrhal Fever, and have never been east of the 100 degree meridian."

Results of the following tests, indicated with individual identification, must appear on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:

A negative Single Cervical Tuberculin test is required within 60 days of import. The test eligible age is six months or older. Younger animals not accompanied by a negative testing dam are also required to be tested. Elk not originating from tuberculosis accredited, qualified, or monitored herds, as defined in the Uniform Methods & Rules for Tuberculosis Eradication in Cervidae, may be imported only if accompanied by two negative tuberculosis tests performed not less than 90 days apart.

A negative Brucellosis test performed within 30 days of entry by at least two types of USDA approved tests (one of which must be the rivanol test) is required on all domestic elk six months of age or older.

CWD Information Required

Only elk originating from states/provinces which have implemented a CWD(Chronic Wasting Disease) surveillance program are eligible to enter Utah. All elk imported to Utah must originate from herds that have been participating in a verified CWD Surveillance Program for a minimum of 5 years. The number of years on a surveillance program must also be stated on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

A letter must be provided from your Department of Agriculture or other Administrative Agency, which verifies your herd status for CWD testing, including:

- Herd ID, number, or name
- Current herd size and inventory
- CWD enrollment date
- Number of deaths reported since enrollment
- Number of elk slaughtered or hunted since enrollment
- Number of laboratory reports of CWD testing including prior to enrollment
- Source herds from which elk have been imported in the last 5 years (Elk Movement Report), and dates of additions to your herd
- List of labs where CWD tests were done

CWD Endemic Area

100th Meridian

